

graduated from Bellevue High School in 1955, then graduated from the University of Iowa in Iowa City with the bachelor of arts degree in 1959 and the *juris doctor* degree in 1963. He was admitted to the bar in 1963.

He served in the United States Army Reserve. As an accomplished musician, he also played in a dance band for several years playing bass, clarinet and banjo. He moved to Montezuma in 1964 to join the McFarland Law Office. On October 23, 1965, he was united in marriage with Rose DeGear at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bellevue. Upon the death of Mr. McFarland, he joined the law practice of McNeil & Bonham and practiced in the firm of McNeill and SunLeaf until his death.

He had served as city attorney of Montezuma since 1966. He was a member of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bellevue, the Poweshiek County Bar Association of which he was president from 1970 to 1973; the Eighth Judicial District and Iowa Bar Associations; the Association of Trial Lawyers of Iowa of which he was a member of its Board of Governors from 1976 to 1983 and secretary in 1982; the Iowa Municipal Attorneys' Association and the Iowa Defense Council. He also was admitted to practice before the United States Supreme Court.

He is survived by his wife Rose of Montezuma and one brother David of Davenport. He was preceded in death by his parents.

Roger Sunleaf, 65

A funeral service for Roger Sunleaf, 65, of Montezuma, will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 19, 2003, in St. John's Lutheran Church at Bellevue, Iowa. Burial will follow in the St. John's Lutheran Cemetery also at Bellevue.

Visitation will begin after 9 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 18, at Watts Funeral

Home in Montezuma with the family present Thursday evening from 6 to 8 p.m.

Memorials may be directed to the Montezuma Volunteer Fire Department.

A complete obituary will follow in the next edition of The Montezuma Republican.

Roger Sunleaf



Roger Wendell Sunleaf, 65, of Montezuma died suddenly at his home on Sunday, Sept. 14, 2003.

A funeral service will be held Friday, Sept. 19, at 1 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Bellevue. Officiating will be the Rev. Paul Gammel, pastor of the church. Organ music will be by Janice Schrader. Casket bearers will be Robert Downer, Ron Coleman, Henry Franken, Laverne Jack, Bill Mason and Harvey Horn. Honorary casket bearers will be John Morrissey, Chuck Manly, Paul Mason Sr., Paul Mason, Wilbur Jack and Dr. B.G. Wiltfang. Burial will follow in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, also in Bellevue. Visitation will begin after 9 a.m. Thursday at Watts funeral Home in Montezuma with the family present from 6 to 8 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Montezuma Volunteer Fire Department.

He was born May 26, 1938, in Bellevue, the son of Arthur Wendell and Virginia Andersen Sunleaf. He

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